INAM DEPARTMENT.

Notification No. 1, *dated* 19—20*th April* 1907.

Inamdars are hereby informed that 283 Final Title-deeds for Minor Inams situated in the T.-Narsipur Taluk, have this day been forwarded to the Deputy Commissioner of the Mysore District for distribution.

2. They are accordingly requested to appear and receive the same on receipt of individual notices from the Amildar of the aforesaid taluk, who is instructed to issue them without delay.

3. The *ad-interim* extracts already issued for the above Inams are hereby declared to be cancelled.

J. P. GRANT,
Supt. of Inam Setlts. in Mysore.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Circular No. 12980-88, *dated* 10*th April*—4*th May* 1907.

Copy of letter No. 146, dated 8th January 1907, from the Chief Engineer in Mysore, suggesting that in the matter of voluntary lump-sum contributions promised by raiyats for the restoration, improvement or repair of irrigation works, the acceptance by Revenue Officers of instalment payments should be avoided as far as possible, except in cases of real hardship to raiyats, is circulated to the Deputy Commissioners of Districts for careful attention.

2. Deposit of payments of contribution in cases where there is no prospect of the balance being paid in promptly or of the work being put in hand should be returned to the parties concerned.

ENCLOSURE.

Letter No. 146, dated 8th January 1907, from W. McHutchin, Esq., M.I.C.E., Chief Engineer in Mysore, to A. Rangaswami Iyengar, Esq., B.A., B.L., Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.

I have the honor to inform you that in the matter of voluntary lump-sum contributions promised by the raiyats towards the restoration, improvement or repair of irrigation works, the procedure at present followed by the Revenue Department is to accept instalment payments of the same and pass them on to the credit of the Public Works Department as they are received, which encumbers the accounts of this Department and swells the objectionable items statement submitted monthly by the Comptroller, Public Works Branch, to this office.

This is due to the fact that these partial credits cannot be finally adjusted as, under standing orders, the works for which contributions are promised should not be started till after the entire accounts promised as contribution are recovered from the raiyats. There are many cases in which these unadjusted contributions continue to appear in the monthly and quarterly statements of objectionable items for years together, which is most objectionable. To remedy this state of affairs, it has been suggested by the late Examiner that these partial credits for contributions should be refused by this Department, but in my opinion, such an extreme measure is undesirable in view of the fact that there may be real cases of hardship to raiyats in some cases, and that it may be necessary to accept instalment payments: but at the same time such cases ought to be comparatively few in number.

2. I am of opinion that the cases in which partial credits are afforded should be avoided as much as possible, and that the Deputy Commissioners should co-operate with this Department to reduce them to a minimum, and refuse to accept instalment payments except in such cases as would entail serious hardship to the raiyats.

3. I shall be glad to be favoured with your views in the matter.